



Elijah De La Cruz, 10th



Denton Meiske, 12th



Coach Porter

Joe Sandifer, 10th



Hunter Dill, 11th

C. Neubauer, K. Miles, 12th



Daryn Gamez, 12th



Dylan McMurray, 12th



1. Kaitlyn Howell, 11th, wraps Kyge Poling's, 10th, arm in the game to keep from bleeding.
2. Billy Clark, 10th, raises his helmet while the band plays the school song.
3. Matthew Jarosek, 10th, runs out of the tunnel with the Thrall flag.
4. Isaiah Martinez, 10th rinses of his mouth piece.

PAW. Tigers seek to 'Prove them All Wrong' with 6-3 record

During spring 7-on-7, the Tigers picked up a new player that impacted the team more than they would know.

"He showed up in the spring and played like he has been playing for years," Coach Ricky Porter said.

In his first year on the field, Daryn Gamez, 12th, played like a veteran averaging 78 yards per game and scoring 11 touchdowns. But he wasn't the only impact player. Richard Reed, 11th, and Denton Meiske, 12th, were new to the defensive line, but combined for 26 quarterback sacks and 55 tackles for loss of yards.

With key players on both ends, the challenge was to put it all together when state-ranked Iola rolled into town for homecoming.

"We wanted to prove a point that people should watch out for us because we weren't joking around anymore,"

Dylan McMurray, 12th said. And that is exactly what they did. The Tigers beat the Bulldogs 39-26, continuing their four-game winning streak. Two weeks later, the Bulldogs came into town and the Tigers had the same mid-set.

"We went into the game very confident and didn't have any doubt of losing," said Jacob Seggern, 12th. For the first time since 2006, the Tigers brought the Battle of Highway 79 win back to Thrall.

With a 6-3 district record, the Tigers looked forward to a long post season run, but a 20-21 loss to Junction kept them from advancing to area.

This defeat didn't diminish their memorable season. "All of us came together and even the younger ones stepped up in big roles," Dawson Solis, 12th, said. "Even if we didn't make it as far as we wanted, this year is one I'll never forget."



Moving Forward

With a full head of steam, Richie Reed, 11th, shakes of the Milano defender. "Loosing against Bruceville-Eddy humbled us cause we thought we were the better team. Now it has pushed us to win the rest of our games and not underestimate anyone." With the win against the Eagles, 20-14, the Tigers started their five-game winning streak.

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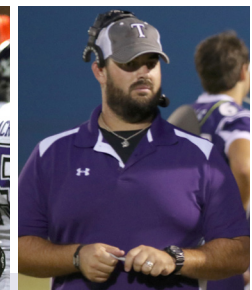
Prove 'em Wrong

Running through the open hole, Dawson Solis, 12th, makes a move on the lola defender with a mission of a first down in mind. "We knew we were coming into a pretty good battle. We focused on executing the little things and that's why we had such great success." The Tigers beat the Bulldogs 39-26, continuing the homecoming game winning streak that goes back over ten years.

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moments of pride.

Landon Mikulencak,
10th Left Guard

"Sharing a good year with my seniors and getting work done."

Jacob Seggern,
12th Center

"Beating Thorndale my senior year since I have never beaten them in my entire life!"

Cameron Neubauer,
12th Inside Receiver

"When I busted number 80 from Milano and hearing him cringe when he got up."

Nick Salazar, 10th
Quarterback

"Passing for 2,000 yards and it was only my first year to play quarterback on varsity."

Wesley Strnad,
10th Left Tackle

"It was nice to beat lola and get revenge since they whooped us last year."

Tyler Harwell
Coach

"Beating Thorndale because I never beat them as an athlete and never in the 5 years as a coach until now."